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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Farzan Rastinejad et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/443,542

: Examiner: Dr. Jerome
Goldberg

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: Group Art Unit: 1614

TITLE: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR :
RESTORING CONFORMATIONAL
STABILITY OF A PROTEIN OF THE P53
FAMILY

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Sir:

Reply to Official Action

The present Reply is in response to the Official Action of July 13, 2001. At present, only rejections under 35 USC section 112, first and second paragraph, are pending. As expected in view of the pioneering nature of the present invention, no art rejections have been made. Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action, and reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendment

Please cancel claims ~~9~~23 and 25 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 26-35 remain pending and subject to examination. The Examiner should thus note that no claim presently under examination recites the structure of a specific chemical compound.

The function of p53 protein and related proteins of the p53 family

It is well accepted that wild-type p53 functions as a transcriptional regulator to coordinately control multiple pathways in cell cycling, apoptosis, and angiogenesis. Loss of